



Amendments to the specification:

Page 6, second paragraph:

The filter fleece 7 11 is engaged by a perforated support frame 12. Springs 13 are disposed between the support frame 12 and a gas-tight end wall 14 of the filter housing 2 so that the activated carbon pellets in the filter chambers 6 and 7 are compressed to a tight package. The connection 5 for communication with the fresh air atmosphere is covered with a filter layer 15 of a highly effective adsorber material so as to be separated thereby from the second filter chamber 7. The filter layer consists of an activated carbon filter fabric or an activated carbon fiber fleece. It is therefore electrically conductive and also highly active with respect to the adsorption of hydrocarbon vapors.